

EMI Teacher Training: Equipping Equippers!

Josh Discovers the Joy and Challenge of Teaching

For the past 2 years, Josh Peters has worked systematically to be equipped to equip others. His church has a vision for impacting their Illinois college campus community in very real, life-changing ways. Josh started by taking EMI's 3 foundational skill courses: *Listening for Heaven's Sake*, *Speaking the Truth in Love*, and *Renewing the Mind*. EMI Teacher Training provided the tools and insights to help him pass on what he had learned.



I was extremely nervous before teaching. My stomach was churning the entire day beforehand and the thought of teaching filled me with dread. Every single fear and accusation was screaming at me the entire time before the seminar began: "You failed to prepare enough!", "You let your facilitators down by not giving them more time.", "Do you really practice what you're about to teach?" I am happy to report that these accusations were not enough to turn me away from teaching *Speaking the Truth in Love*.

The students we had were very responsive. They had lots of great questions and clarifications that really added value to the time. My facilitators were excellent at leading their groups and role playing. Many times throughout the weekend there was evidence of the impact of this seminar... it allowed God to work in the lives of my students.

I could see things "click", and many times I was met with most excellent verbal feedback.

For a first time teaching, I believe things went pretty well. Around 2pm I had trouble keeping everyone's attention. I remembered EMI Teacher Training about this, gave everyone a break, and then led a kinesthetic exercise that re-invigorated the class.

My students left with a solid understanding of the importance of building onto the basis of warmth, empathy, and respect with regards to speaking truth into other people's lives. My prayer is that my students will be able to safely practice the skills taught to them so that they may bless those around them and live lives of freedom.

Thanks again for all of the great wisdom passed on during Teacher Training; it really helped to prepare me to be a conduit of God's work.